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UPSC Mains 2023 Anthropology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-1/2023/>

Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1(a) • 10 marks

Scope and relevance of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Topic • Social-cultural Anthropology.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/scope-and-relevance-of-social-and-cultural-anthropology/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Cultural impact of Iron Age.

Topic • Iron Age

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Q1(c) • 10 marks

Race and Ethnicity.

Topic • Race and racism, biological basis of morphological variation of non-metric and metric characters. Racial criteria, racial traits in relation to heredity and...

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/race-and-ethnicity/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Customary laws and Environmental conservation.

Topic • Marriage

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/customary-laws-and-environmental-conservation/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Gene expression.

Topic • The biological basis of Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/gene-expression/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Discuss major species of Australopithecus discovered from South and East Africa. Describe the discovery, physical features and significance of Taung baby.

Topic · Plio-pleistocene hominids in South and East Africa

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Q2(b) • 15 marks

Discuss the Paleolithic environment in light of available evidences with special reference to India.

Topic · Paleolithic

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/discuss-the-paleolithic-environment-in-light-of-available-evidences-with-special-reference-to-india/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

Elucidate the different forms of malnutrition. Describe protein-calorie malnutrition with suitable examples.

Topic · The biological basis of Life

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Q3(a) • 20 marks

What is hominization process? Discuss the major trends in human evolution with the help of suitable examples and illustrations.

Topic · Biological and Cultural factors in human evolution.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/what-is-hominization-process-discuss-the-major-trends-in-human-evolution-with-the-help-of-suitable-examples-and-illustrations/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

How did Clifford Geertz look at religion. Differentiate between anthropological and psychological approaches to the study of religion.

Topic · Symbolic and interpretive theories (Turner, Schneider and Geertz)

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Q3(c) • 15 marks

What is mixed-longitudinal method of studying human growth. Discuss its merits and demerits.

Topic · Human Genetics

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Q4(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the role of marriage regulations in traditional societies in India for strengthening social solidarity.

Topic · Family

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Q4(b) · 15 marks

Discuss various methods of personal identification based on skeletal remains.

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q4(c) · 15 marks

Identify the major Mesolithic sites and describe the typo-technological features with special reference to India.

Topic · Mesolithic

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/identify-the-major-mesolithic-sites-and-describe-the-typo-technological-features-with-special-reference-to-india/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Polygenic Inheritance

Topic · Mendelian genetics in man-family study, single factor, multifactor, lethal, sub-lethal and polygenic inheritance in man.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/polygenic-inheritance/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Prehistoric significance of Rakhigarhi

Topic · Principles of Prehistoric Archaeology. Chronology

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Q5(c) · 10 marks

Glottochronology

Topic · Linguistic Anthropology.

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Menopausal symptoms

Topic · Relevance of menarche, menopause and other bioevents to fertility. Fertility patterns and differentials.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2023/menopausal-symptoms/>

Q5(e) • 10 marks

William Ogburn and Cultural lag.

Topic · The Nature of Culture

Solution —

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Q6(a) • 20 marks

Critically discuss the controversies related to fieldwork of Bronislaw-Malinowski and Margaret Mead.

Topic · Functionalism (Malinowski)

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Q6(b) • 15 marks

Discuss the impact of globalization on the economic systems of indigenous communities.

Topic · Economic Organization

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Q6(c) • 15 marks

Describe the practical applications of DNA technology in the current scenario.

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q7(a) • 20 marks

Describe various methods of qualitative data analysis. Highlight some popular computer softwares used in qualitative analysis.

Topic · Analysis, interpretation and presentation of data.

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Q7(b) • 15 marks

What assumptions must be met for a population to be in genetic equilibrium. Explain the importance of genetic equilibrium.

Topic · Concept of genetic polymorphism and selection, Mendelian population, Hardy-Weinberg law

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Discuss political and methodological aspects of national character studies. Elucidate the contemporary relevance of such studies.

Topic · Economic Organization

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

Critically examine Arjun Appadurai's conceptualization of the global cultural economy.

Topic · The Nature of Culture

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Describe the causes of structural abnormalities of chromosomes with suitable examples.

Topic · Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders).

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

Critically discuss A.L. Kroeber's contribution to kinship studies.

Topic · Kinship

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Compiled answer key

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Q1(e) 10 marks	Q2(a) 20 marks	Q2(b) 15 marks	Q2(c) 15 marks
Q3(a) 20 marks	Q3(b) 15 marks	Q3(c) 15 marks	Q4(a) 20 marks
Q4(b) 15 marks	Q4(c) 15 marks	Q5(a) 10 marks	Q5(b) 10 marks
Q5(c) 10 marks	Q5(d) 10 marks	Q5(e) 10 marks	Q6(a) 20 marks
Q6(b) 15 marks	Q6(c) 15 marks	Q7(a) 20 marks	Q7(b) 15 marks
Q7(c) 15 marks	Q8(a) 20 marks	Q8(b) 15 marks	Q8(c) 15 marks

Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q2(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q5(a) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

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